

LUKE PEARSON

# HILDA AND THE BIRD PARADE



FLYING EYE BOOKS











OR I  
MIGHT JUST  
WANDER  
AROUND



HAVE  
YOU GOT YOUR  
SKETCHBOOK?

YEP



AND MY  
PENCILS AND MY  
FLUTE AND THIS  
BOOK ALL ABOUT  
ROCK MOSS



WE'LL TAKE  
THESE CUCUMBER  
SANDWICHES  
WITH YOU TOO  
SO YOU DON'T  
STARVE



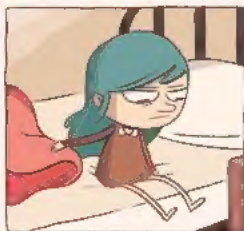
BE  
BACK FOR  
DINNER!



I WILL  
BE!



ONE YEAR LATER, IN THE CITY OF TROLBERG...





OR I  
MIGHT JUST  
WANDER  
AROUND



I'D  
RATHER YOU  
DIDN'T...



WHAT?  
WHY?



I'LL TAKE YOU OUT  
LATER ON I PROMISE. I  
JUST NEED TO GET SOME WORK  
DONE FIRST SO WHY DON'T  
YOU DO SOME DRAKING OR  
WATCH SOME T.V.

I DON'T  
WANT TO DO  
THOSE THINGS  
I WANT TO GO  
OUTSIDE



HILDA, THIS  
PLACE IS BIG  
AND NEW AND  
SCARY..

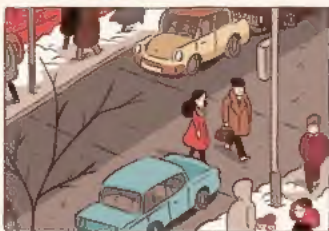
I'M NOT  
SCARED



YOU  
COULD GET  
LOST

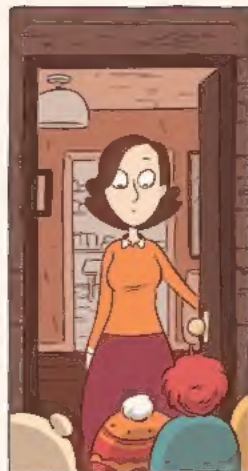
I  
LIKE  
GETTING  
LOST!



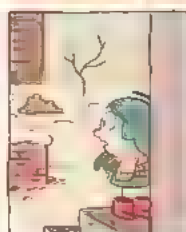


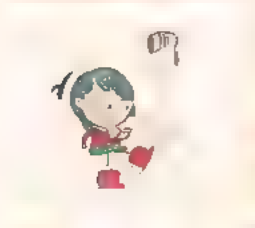




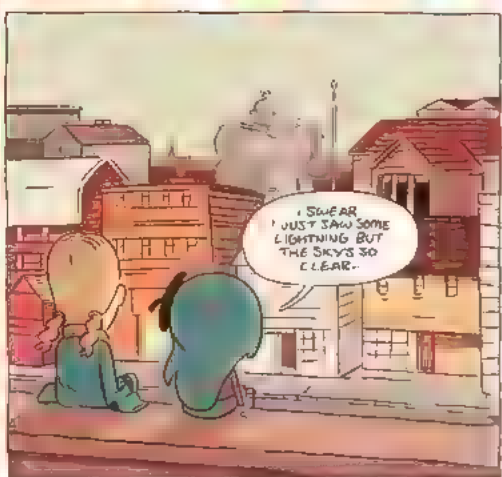
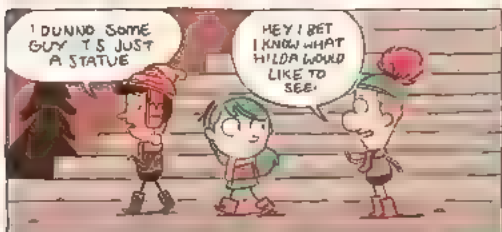
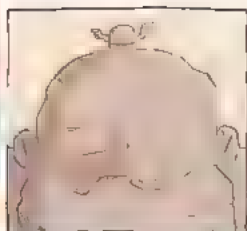


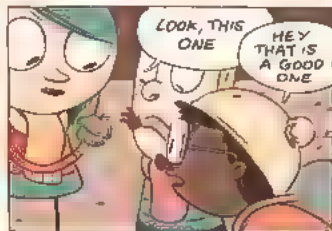
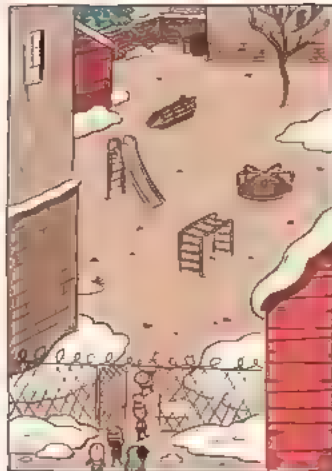






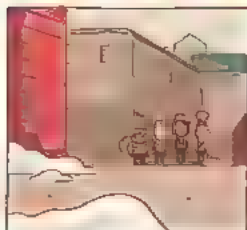
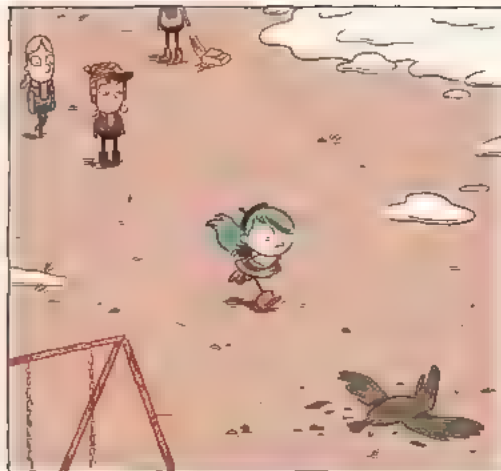




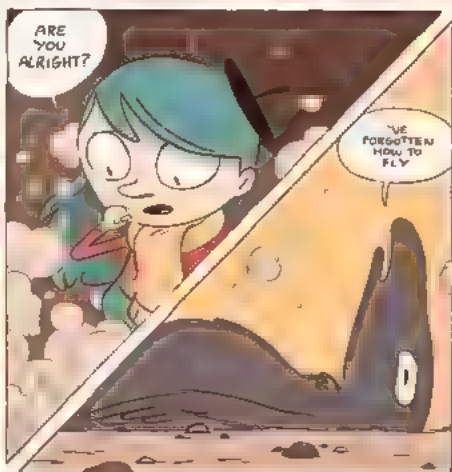
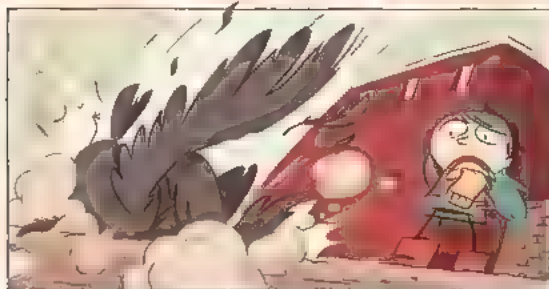


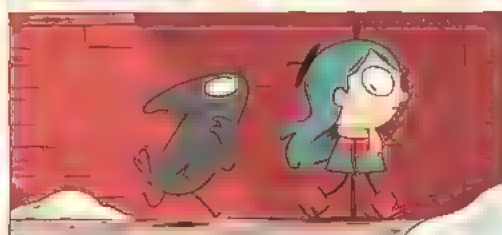




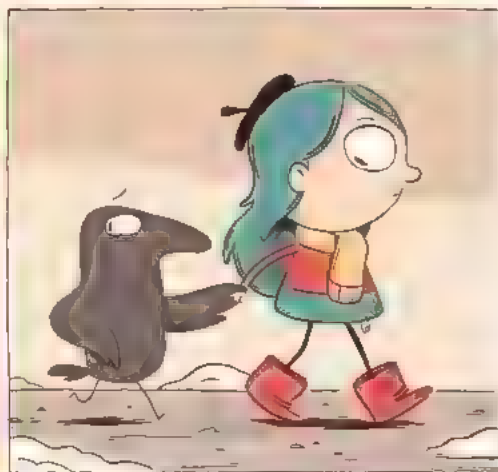
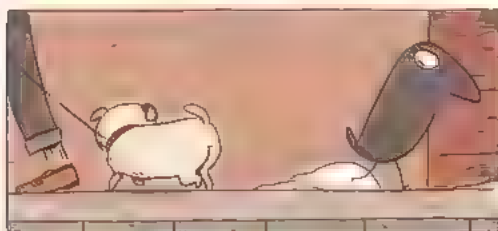
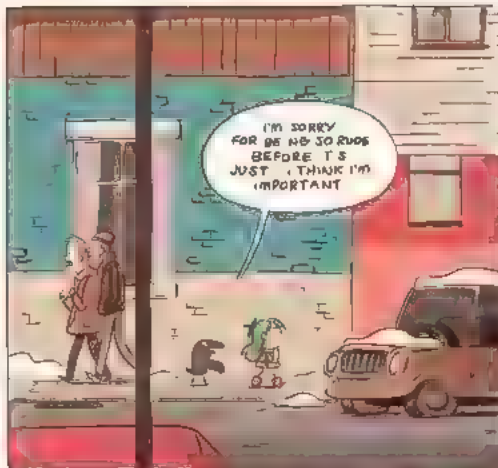


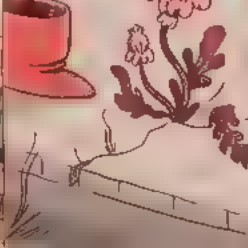
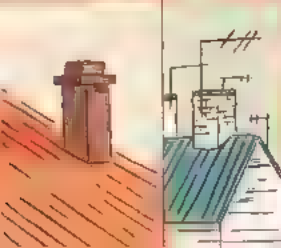
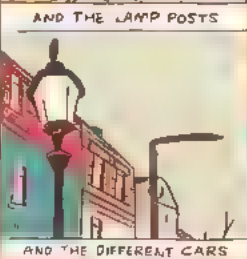






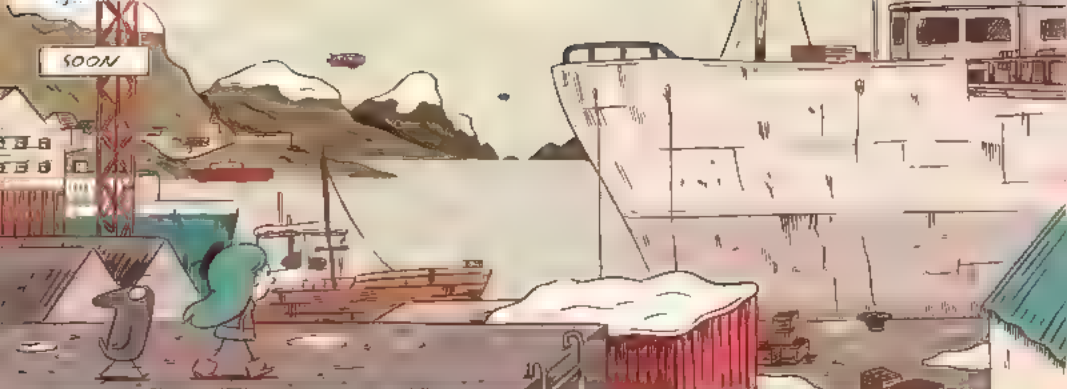








SOON



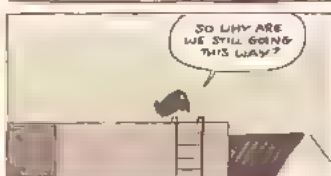
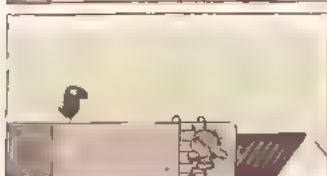
DO YOU LIVE  
BY THE WATER?



NO I DON'T WE MUST  
HAVE GONE THE WRONG  
WAY SOMEWHERE



SO WHY ARE  
WE STILL GOING  
THIS WAY?



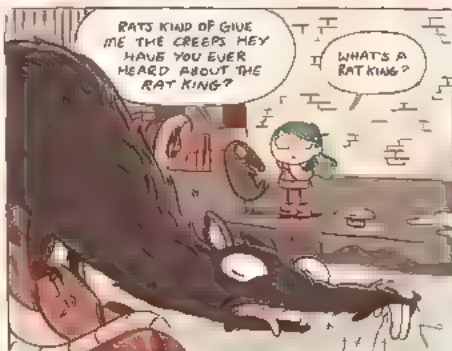
HEY  
LOOK



RATS



RATS KIND OF GIVE  
ME THE CREEPS THEY  
HAVE YOU EVER  
HEARD ABOUT THE  
RAT KING?



WHAT'S A  
RAT KING?

IT'S WHEN A  
BUNCH OF RATS  
GET THEIR TAILS  
ALL KNOTTED  
TOGETHER



THEY  
HAVE TO MOVE  
ABOUT AS ONE BIG  
HORRIBLE BALL

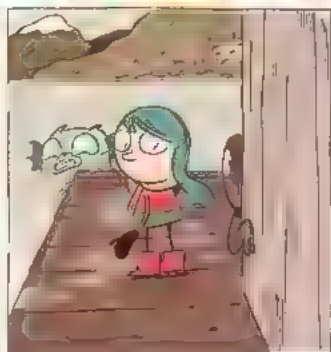
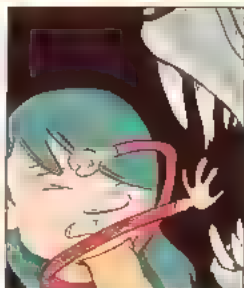
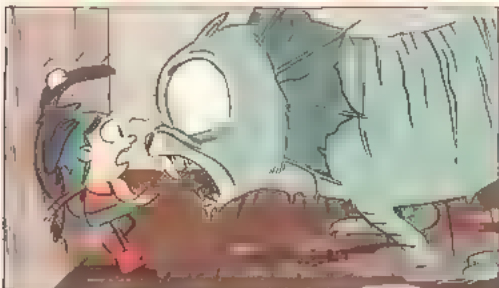
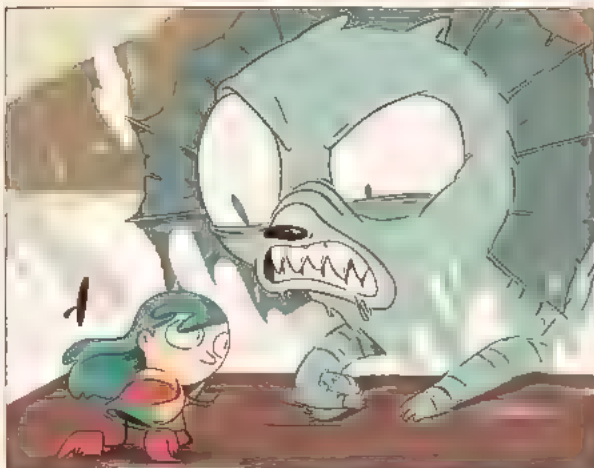
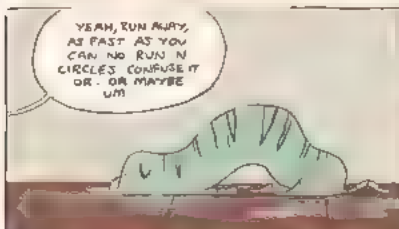


AND EVENTUALLY  
THEY MERGE TOGETHER  
INTO AN ENORMOUS,  
SCARY, RAT MONSTER

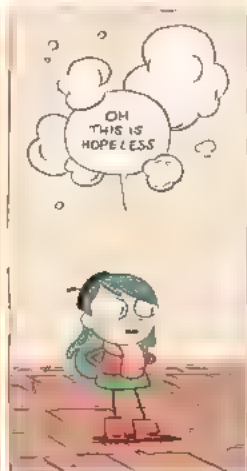
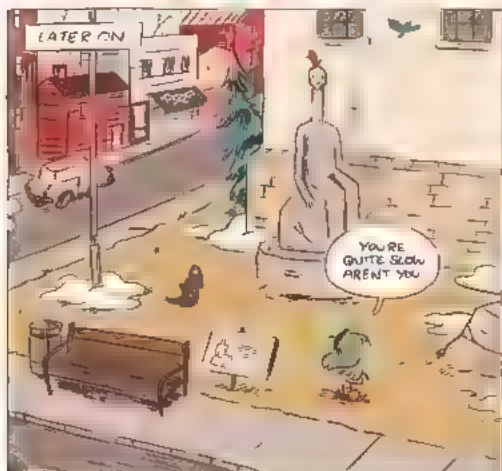


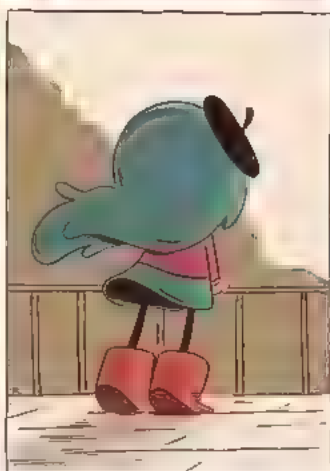
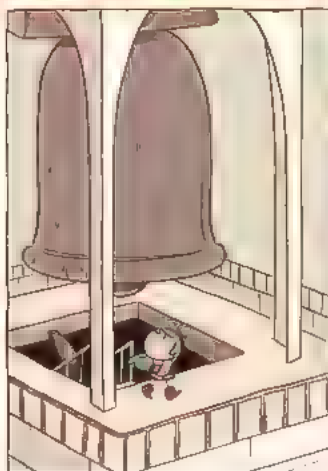
YOU CAN'T  
REMEMBER WHO  
YOU ARE BUT YOU  
CAN REMEMBER  
THAT?





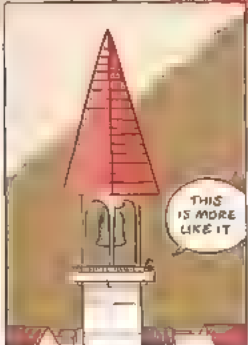








WOAH



THIS  
IS MORE  
LIKE IT



YOU  
CAN SEE SO  
FAR FROM  
UP HERE



DID YOU SEE THAT?  
I SAW SOMETH'NG  
MOVE ON THE  
MOUNTAINS DE

IT'S  
PROBABLY  
A TROLL



THE COUNTRYSIDE AROUND  
THE CITY IS FULL OF THEM





BUT WHY?  
I THOUGHT  
THEY KEPT OUT  
OF PEOPLE'S  
WAY?

THIS PLACE WAS BUILT RIGHT IN  
THE MIDDLE OF THE LAND. THEY'RE NOT TO BE  
BLAMED FOR WANTING TO STICK AROUND

BUT THEY  
ARE TO BE  
FEARED

BUT  
CAN'T THEY  
COME INTO THE  
CITY? ARE WE  
SAFE?

THIS IS  
THE SAFEST  
PLACE WE COULD  
BE! TROLLS HATE  
THESE THINGS, AS  
YOU MAY OR MAY  
NOT ALREADY  
KNOW

THERE ARE TOWERS LIKE THIS ONE  
ALL OVER TROLBERG, RINGING  
OUT EVERY HOUR. IT'S NOT JUST  
FOR TELLING THE TIME, IT STOPS  
THEM FROM GETTING TOO CLOSE

THAT'S GOOD  
TO KNOW. YOU  
REALLY KNOW A  
LOT OF STUFF  
ABOUT THINGS. DO  
YOU REMEMBER  
WHO YOU ARE  
YET?

NOPE

AND I DON'T  
THINK NOW'S THE  
BEST TIME TO SEE  
IF I REMEMBER HOW  
TO FLY YET EITHER

OH!  
THAT  
ONE!

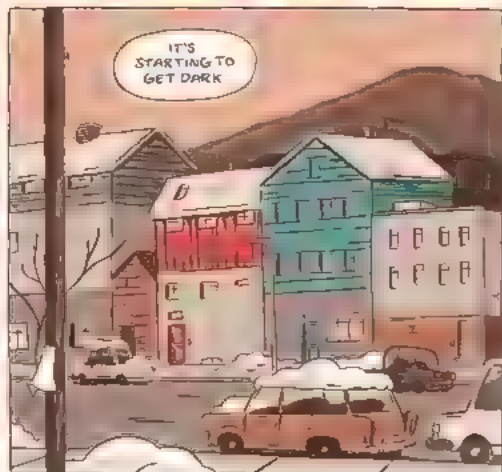
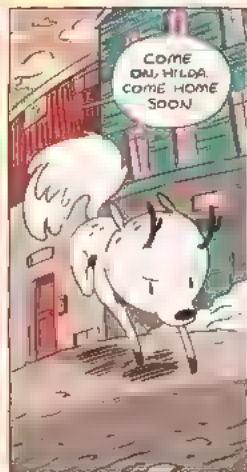
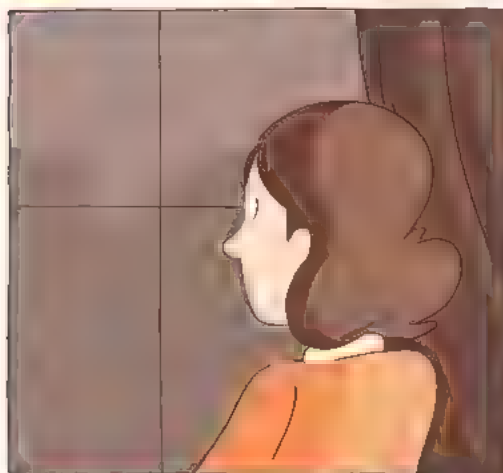
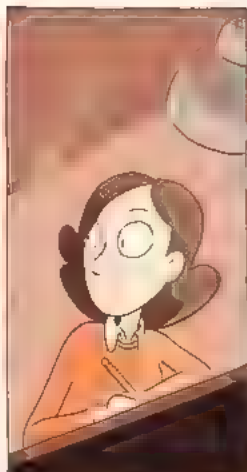
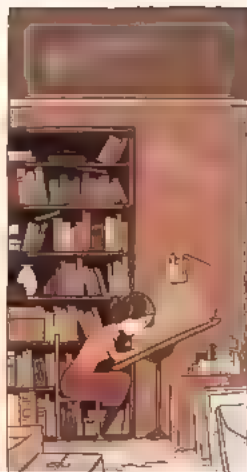
RECOGNISE  
THAT ONE! IT'S RIGHT  
NEAR MY HOUSE BUT  
IT'S SO FAR AWAY..

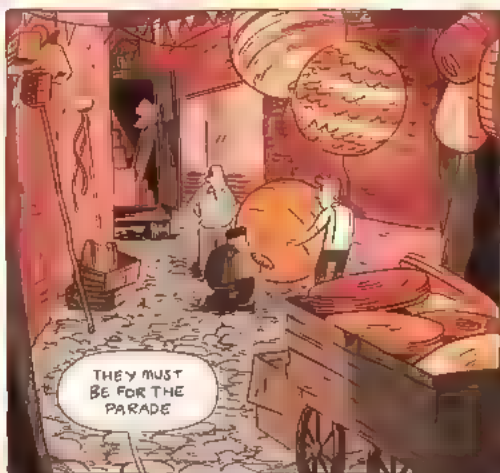
WE MUST  
HAVE BEEN WALKING  
THE WRONG WAY  
THIS WHOLE TIME

IT'S GOING  
TO TAKE AGES TO  
GET BACK

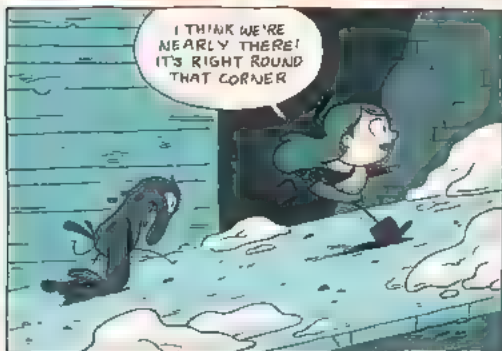
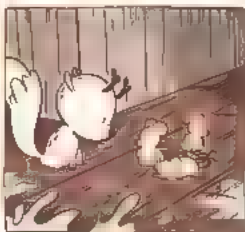
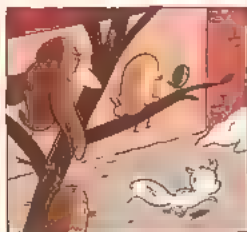
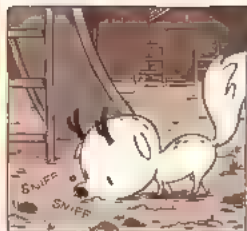
BONG  
BONG

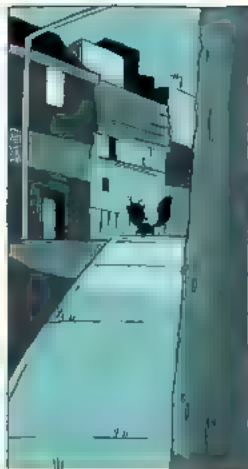
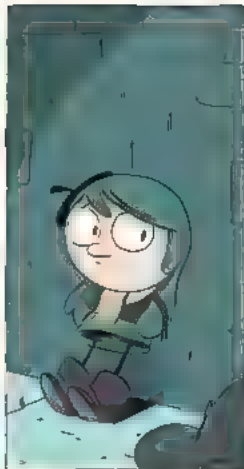
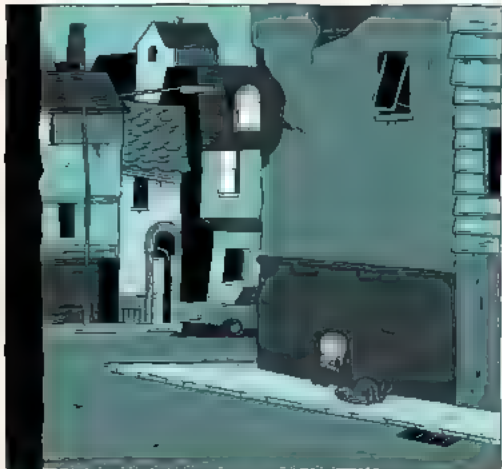
LET'S  
GO!

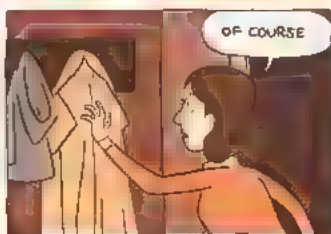
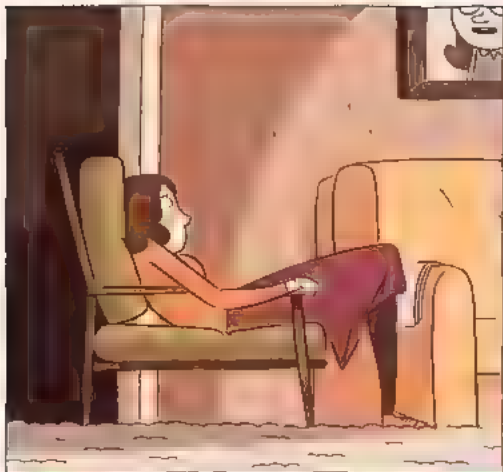






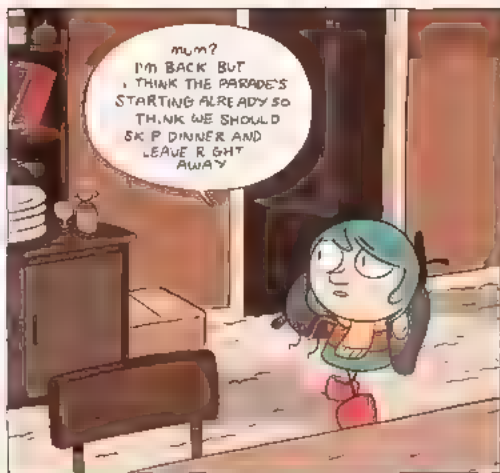


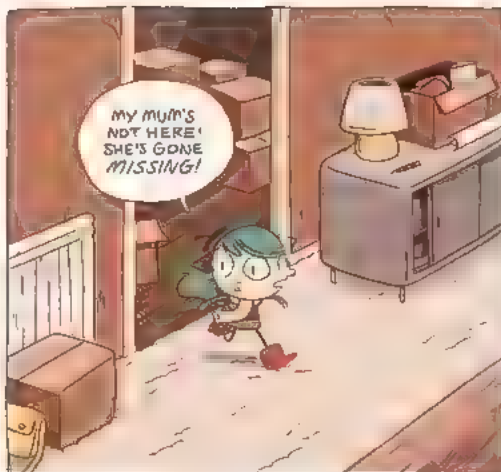


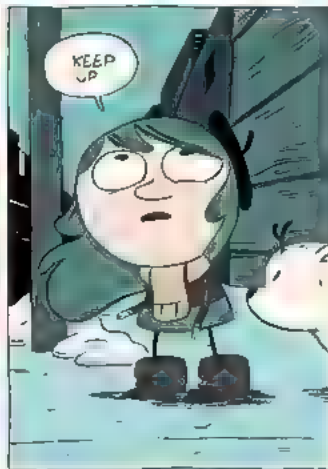
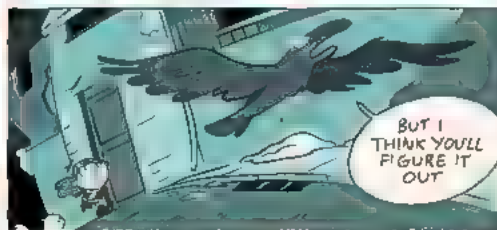




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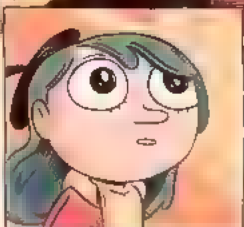
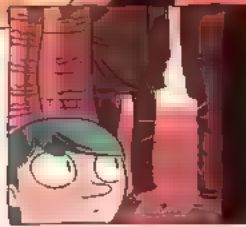
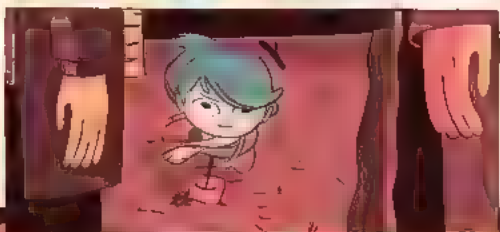






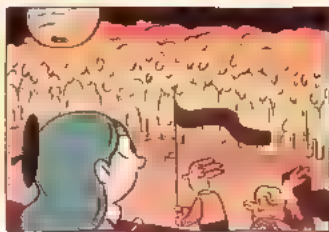
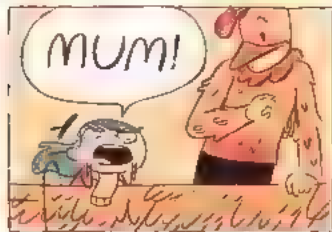
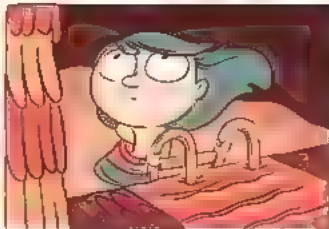
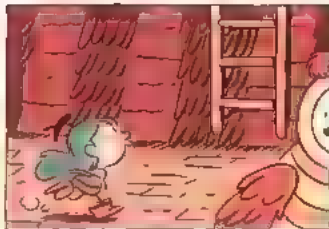


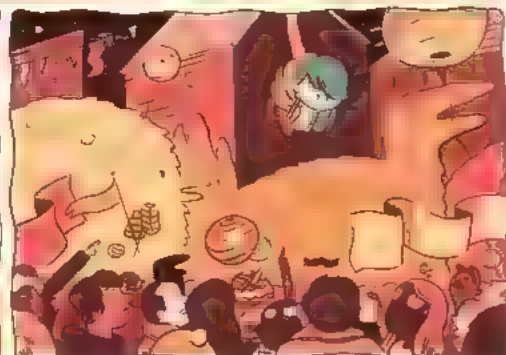
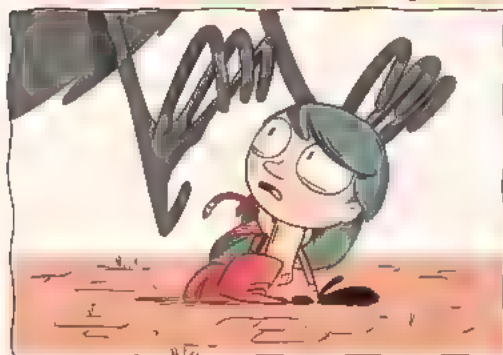
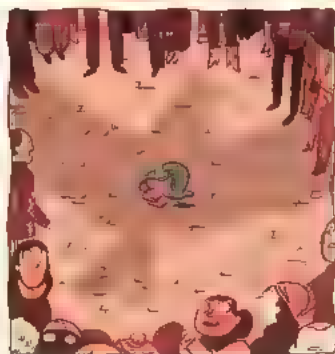












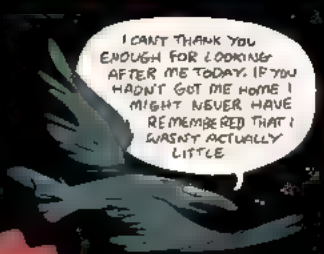


YOU! IS IT REALLY  
YOU? I FEEL LIKE IT IS,  
BUT YOU'RE ALL BIG



DO YOU LIKE IT?  
I'M AFRAID THIS IS MY  
NORMAL LOOK. I ONLY  
TAKE THAT LITTLE  
FORM WHEN I'M BEING  
DISCREET

USUALLY  
I APPRECIATE  
DISCREET THINGS  
BUT AT THE  
MOMENT I  
APPRECIATE  
NOT BEING  
DROPPED



I CAN'T THANK YOU  
ENOUGH FOR LOOKING  
AFTER ME TODAY. IF YOU  
HADN'T GOT ME HOME I  
MIGHT NEVER HAVE  
REMEMBERED THAT I  
WASNT ACTUALLY  
LITTLE



WELL YOU'RE  
VERY WELCOME  
SO IS THIS PARADE  
ALL FOR YOU? DON'T  
UNDERSTAND ARE  
YOU FAMOUS?



EHH. SORT OF. A LONG,  
LONG TIME AGO I WAS PASSING  
OVER THE CITY DURING A  
LONG JOURNEY..



I LANDED  
ON THAT STATUE  
OVER THERE



THE PEOPLE THOUGHT I WAS THE RAVEN MESSENGER OF THE GOD THEY WORSHIPPED

SENT TO SEE WHAT THEY WERE UP TO AND REPORT BACK TO MY MASTER

IT TURNS OUT THE NEXT YEAR THERE WAS A GREAT HARVEST GOOD WEATHER AND EVERYONE PROSPERED

THEY THOUGHT IT WAS MY DOING!! I PASSED THE NEXT YEAR TO FIND A BIG FESTIVAL BEING HELD IN MY HONOUR



THE YEAR AFTER, THEY THREW THE SAME PARTY BUT I WAS OFF SOMEWHERE ELSE PROBABLY AT HOME

ANYWAY, THEY THOUGHT THEY'D DISPLEASED ME AND AS IT HAPPENS, THE NEXT YEAR WASN'T SO GREAT

THERE WAS A SICKNESS, POOR CROPS AND THE COLDEST WINTER IN DECADES

OF COURSE IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH ME! BUT FROM THEN ON I DECIDED TO MAKE THE EFFORT TO SHOW MYSELF EVERY YEAR

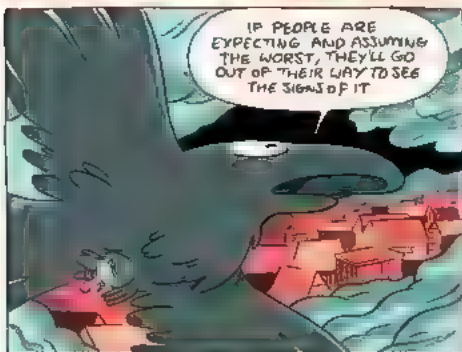


IF PEOPLE ARE EXPECTING AND ASSUMING THE WORST, THEY'LL GO OUT OF THEIR WAY TO SEE THE SIGNS OF IT

AND WHO'D WANT TO MISS THEIR OWN PARTY? SO YOU'RE NOT A RAVEN GOD THEN? WHO ARE YOU?

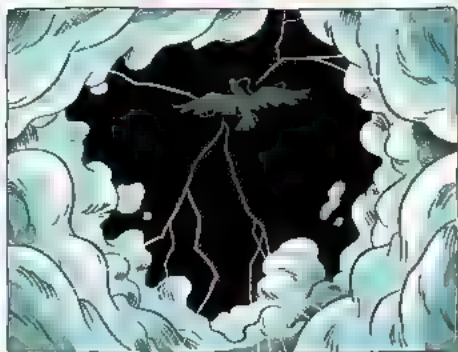
I'M A THUNDERBIRD

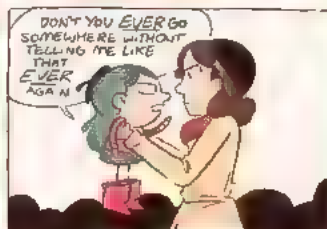
WHAT'S A THUNDERBIRD?



JUST A BIRD FOR THE MOST PART BUT I CAN DO THIS

THEY SEEM TO LIKE THAT









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# WUZZLE SCANS

